REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-15 are currently pending in the application and are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 4-15 are withdrawn herein and claim 3 has been elected. New claims 16-27 have been added.

The subject matter of withdrawn claims 4-15 has been incorporated into new claims 16-27. No new matter has been added. New claims 16-27 depend either directly or indirectly from independent, elected claim 3. It is believed that independent claim 3 and the newly added dependent claims 16-27 represent a single general inventive concept.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued with respect to claims 3 and 16-27.

Respectfully submitted,

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